

BRITISH PAIR GO CHAMPIONSHIPS 2002



(Above) Players at British Pair Go Championships 2002 in gardens of Foxcombe Lodge Hotel.

Ambidextrous

Tony Atkins ran the twelfth Pair Go Championships at the same venue as the last two, the Foxcombe Lodge Hotel at Boars Hill near Oxford. In his usual efficient style he organised a quiz where all the answers were pairs, managed to award everyone a prize of some kind (all in pairs of course) and acted as the ghost in the handicap section (playing alternately left and right handed). The top group was as hard fought as ever. In a repeat of the previous final Kirsty Healey and Matthew Macfadyen came out on top against Natasha Regan and Matthew Cocke to retain the "Pair Go Champion in England" trophies. Sue Paterson and Granville Wright from Brighton and Helen and Martin Harvey from Manchester were the other pairs on two wins, the Harvey's two putting them on top of the table of World Pairs qualifying points. Winning the three pair handicap section were Nicola Hurden (10 kyu) and Shawn Hearn (7 kyu) from Bracknell. Annie Hall (32 kyu) and Jonathan Englefield (23 kyu) won the novices prize. Alison and Simon Bexfield won the best-dressed pair prize and Emma Marchant and Simon Goss won the quiz.

I like Pair Go because...

- ? It saves using the nail scissors for a week.
- ? Playing together improves both our Go.
- ? No argument over who baby sits - we both get to play.
- ? Tony remembered to put Yukari in the quiz.
- ? Lot's of Pairs Go. It's always the other person's fault.
- ? We're masochists!
- ? It's a "larf".
- ? Because partner moans and groans when I lose more stones.



(Above) Emma Marchant deep in thought partnering BGA President Simon Goss



(Above) Kirsty Healey and Matthew Macfadyen retained their champions' title in Guinness shirts

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(Above) Pair Go game analysis, with Emma, Nicola, Simon G, Alison and Simon B seated and David and Matthew C standing, on the patio at the Foxcombe Lodge Hotel



(Above) Best dressed pair Simon and Alison Bexfield with Tony Atkins (centre)

Thanks must go to Jill and Roger for making us so very welcome at their hotel, and to the Pair Go supporters and sponsors. Photos and text editing by Tony Atkins, British Go Association, May 2002.

Prize Winners

Champions: Kirsty Healey and Matthew Macfadyen

Runners up: Natasha Regan and Matthew Cocke

Handicap Winners: Nicola Hurden and Shawn Hearn

Runners up: Jil Segerman and Tony Pitchford

Novices prize: Annie Hall (32 kyu) and Jonathan Englefield (23 kyu)

Junior prizes: Shawn Hearn, Jonathan Englefield

Farthest travelled: Matthew Cocke (Norwich)

Best dressed pair: Alison and Simon Bexfield

Quiz winners (23/26): Emma Marchant and Simon Goss

Quiz second: Jil Segerman and Tony Pitchford

Prize for 2 wins: Sue Paterson and Granville Wright, Helen and Martin Harvey

Consolation prize: Alison Bierman and David Woodnutt,

Elinor Brooks and France Ellul.

Best organiser: Tony Atkins

Main Tournament Results

No.	Players	round 1	round 2	round 3	Wins
1	Kirsty Healey Matthew Macfadyen	8+	3+	2+	3
2	Natasha Regan Matthew Cocke	7+	5+	1-	2
3	Sue Paterson Granville Wright	4+	1-	5+	2
4	Helen Harvey Martin Harvey	3-	8+	6+	2
5	Alison Bexfield Simon Bexfield	6+	2-	3-	1
6	Emma Marchant Simon Goss	5-	7+	4-	1
7	David Woodnutt Alison Bierman	2-	6-	8+	1
8	Elinor Brooks France Ellul	1-	4-	7-	0

Handicap Tournament Results

No.	Players	Av. grade	round 1	Round 2	round 3	Wins
1	Nicola Hurden Shawn Hearn	8.5k	2+ no komi	3+ 18st	4+ 9st	3
2	Jil Segerman Tony Pitchford	7k	1- no komi	4+ 8st	3+ 20st	2
3	Annie Hall Jonathan Englefield	27k	4+ 29st	1- 18st	2- 20st	1
4	Ghost (Tony Atkins)	2d	3- 29st	2- 8st	1- 9st	0

Grades are specified so as to show which sides received handicaps